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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications.

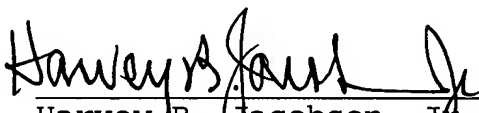
English abstract translations for JP 61 061 828, JP 07 053102 A, EP 0 658 506 A1 and EP 0 749 823 A1 are enclosed. DE 41 39 837 A1 is equivalent to GB 2 262 087 A, DE 44 40 647 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,674,540 and DE 195 22 318 A1 is equivalent to EP 0 749 823 A1 (Abstract attached). Please note that no English language translation for DE 94 18 255 U1 is readily

available. However, the relevancy of this document is discussed in the specification. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and an International Search Report (ISR). A copy of the ISR is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

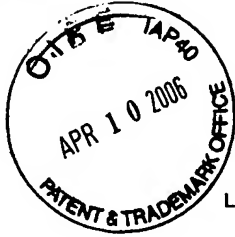
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